

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 27-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorincz et al. (U.S. 5,958,195) in view of Pelrine (U.S. 5,099,216), Aiura et al. (EP 951960) and Sakata et al. (U.S. 4,561,185).

Claims 19-22 and 24-26 are allowed.

Drawings

A formal drawing of Figure 1 is attached and includes changes approved in the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004. Formal drawings of Figures 2-7 are being submitted as originally filed with this application.

Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 27-35 to obviate the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 19-22 and 24-26 are allowed.

Since only claims 19-22 and 24-26 remain in this application, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art reference is believed to be necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

A formal drawing of Figure 1, accompanied by a Letter to the Official Draftsperson, is being submitted as approved in the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004. Formal drawings of Figures 2-7 are being submitted as originally filed with this application.